

1997 Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 5 - Sunday, June 8th

Forget all your troubles, pack your mouse ears and come on down to Orlando for this year's BiNet USA Annual Meeting!

The annual meeting is an opportunity for Bi's and their allies to gather for networking, inspiration and information as well as conduct the business of the organization.

This year the organizers hope to spend less time on "nuts and bolts" and more on developing a vision statement for BiNet's future.

During the business meeting, leaders, activists and members will discuss and decide on the business that comes before BiNet USA.

Planned events and evening activities will connect attendees to the larger movement. Meet other bi's and bi allies from across the country at receptions, the coffeehouse and the youth leadership institute.

To register for the Annual Meeting, return

the registration form instert in this mailing.

Thursday

- The Bisexual Youth Initiative will sponsor a Youth Institute on Leadership Development
- Regional Organizer and National Coordinators will meet to conduct delegate business and [forge a plan] for next year.
- Evening reception

Firday

- All Day Busienss Meeting .
- Evening Coffee House at the First Unitarian Church of Orlando (potluck provided)

Saturday

- Bi and Trans Day at Disney

Sunday

- All day business Meting



Travel

Shuttles go directly to all hotels. Lynx Bus system goes to downtown, with a stop one block from the Harley Hotel. Busses allso go to some places of interest. Search under "Orlando" for more info.

Resist the urge to rent a car, and donate those funds to the BiNet TRAVEL FUND!

Accomodations

The Harley Hotel is available for \$66 per night, up to 4 occupants. Make your reservations by May 1st.

Make friends, save money. Home Hospitality is available upon request. Make your reservations by May 1st.



BiNet USA Travel Fund

Each year, BiNet USA commits to assisting Regional Organizers with travel expenses to the Annual Meeting. This year is no different. BiWays Orlando has been working hard to get the word out to folks that we need help in raising the money for this project. To date, we have \$700 in pledges from individuals in BiNet leadership. We anticipate that 15 or 20 individuals will request assistance this year. We are more than half way to our goal.

If we get it we get 7 to 10 individuals or

groups to come forward and donate \$100 to this fund, we will be able to provide assistance to any Regional Organizer who asks.

If you are a Regional Organizer and would like to access this fund, simply indicate your need for assistance on your registration form. If you have any questions, you can call Carla Fischer at 407-898-1798 for more information. Or write through email or snail mail at PO Box 7327, Lanley Park, MD 20787 or at BiNetUSA@aol.com.



5 Ways to Raise Money

- recruit new members
- Sponsor a delegate
- Make a sponsor list and simply ask for donations
- Have an event

First things first: Make your own financial commitment to the organization. Then give all your friends a call and give them the opportunity to support a cause you believe in.

Recruit new Members: Every organization is financially dependent on its members. Those who show their basic support and commitment by becoming members are the foundation for all programs and activities.

It may seem obvious, but if each person who receives this newsletter encourages one other person to become an official member of BiNet and of their local Bi organization, then we will *instantaneously double our membership and raise anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000.*

Likewise, encourage your local group to become an organizational affiliate of BiNet USA. BiNet is working towards some additional incentives for organizational membership. Be one of the first onboard!

Sponsor a delegate: If 30 individuals or groups gave \$100 each, then we could assist every Regional Organizer and National Coordinator

who will attend this year's meeting.

Make a sponsor list:

- Divide a piece of paper into 3 columns
- In the first column, make a list of *every single, solitary* person you know.
- In the second column, check off all those who believe in your cause.
- In the 3rd column, check off all those who are "givers" (those who generally give when asked)

Now call, write, or visit anyone whose name is checked twice. Those are your supporters. You have every right to ask, they have every right to say yes or no. However, you can't get the process started until you ask.

Have an event: This is often the first tactic folks think of, but it's not always the most efficient if you are low on energy. Events can get your community together, however, as well as raise funds and fun.



So.... You wanna go? Here's How!

You've got lots of ways to register for BiNet's Annual meeting.....

1. Mail in the registration! The address is on the registration
2. Fax your registration to: Fax (407)673-2083
3. Email your registration to zanetta@orlando.com
4. Give our lovely registrant, Zanetta Marcham a call at 407/679-3184
5. Visit our email site (there should be an electronic form up there soon) at www/BiWays.org

Oh! and even if you don't want to come to the meeting, come to Orlando for a weekend of fun in the sun festivities at America's play land! See you in June!



Bisexual Youth Institute

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the
Bisexual
Youth
Initiative



Leadership Development
"Bi, For and About" Youth

Youth Defined as 25 years of age or younger

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YES. I WANT TO JOIN B1NET USA!

Your generous donations further BitNet

Date: _____		New Membership or Renewal _____		In Direction Requested _____		Yes _____ No _____	
Name: _____		Home Phone: _____					
Postal Address: _____							
City: _____		State: _____		Zip: _____		Age / Sex: _____	
C-Card Address: _____							
Name of Spouse or S/O: _____		Is this a family membership? _____		Yes _____ No _____			
Additional Spouse, S/O or Family Member(s) to be listed on Membership: _____							
I am joining for: _____		Friendship Club _____		Century Club _____		Foundation Club _____	
I am enclosing a check for \$ _____		OR _____		I have attached a voided check. (Please attach voided check USA to withdrawal.) _____			
From my checking account (over account) _____		I understand that I may change or stop these withdrawals at any time by sending a written request to World Club.					
Signature: _____		Date: _____					
First Name: _____		Last Name: _____					
First Official Use Only Code: _____							

Mail To: BiNet USA, P.O. Box 7327, Langley Park, MD 20787

YES, I WANT TO JOIN BiNET USA!

If you want to be a Good Friend and donate goods-in-kind, send your receipts to the Biffet USA Treasure at the P.O. Box listed below.

Name:	No Membership or Renewal		In Direction Required		Yes	No
Phone:	Phone Number					
Postal Address:	Appt./Suite No.					
City:	State					
Local Address:	Zip					
Name of Sponsor or EO	Is Not a Family Membership		Yes		No	
Additional Sponsor, EO or Family Member(s) to be listed in Membership						
I am joining the:	Travel Club	Ceruary Club	Millennium Club	Foundation Club	No Club	
I am enclosing a check for \$_____ OR _____ I have attached a related check. I hereby authorize Miller USA to withdraw \$_____ from my checking account every month. I understand that I will change or stop these withdrawals at any time by sending a written request to Miller USA.						
Signature:	Print Name:		Post Office:		E-mail Name:	
(Print Office Use Only) Code:						

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Official BiTrans Day T-shirt



*Look Like a Native
Not a Tourist*

a souvenir of this historic event
port BiNet USA and BiWays Orlando
your pride on June 7th (or you'll
harrass us in front of Mickey
cotton blend for those h
ner

\$10 (+Shipping & Handling)

Yes! Send Me one of these Fabulous shirts!

- ☐ I will Pick up the shirt at the Meeting
- ☐ Please mail the T-shirt to me (\$4 shipping)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Send to BiWays, Orlando PO Box 533170, Orlando, FL 32853

BiNet USA 1997 Official Ballot

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— (Ron Own Continued)

He would continue to work for Bi visibility and rights. He plans to provide tools and support for local groups to help in increasing membership on local and national levels. He also wants to create a system for welcoming newcomers and assessing what are needs of local groups and newcomers are. Ron believes that BiNet USA must take a leading role in building coalitions in the fight for human rights.

— Stephanie Berger

A 'nice' Jewish girl from Long Island now living in Oakland, California, Stephanie's work includes being at the historic meeting between the Bi and Transgender activists and the White House liaison to Gay and Lesbian affairs. She works with NGLTF and HRC in broadening their vision and agenda. She is co-creator of "Bi Demand" on "Planet Out's" Website and had conducted Bi Sensitivity training for Planet Out and LIFE Lobby – an HIV/AIDS lobby organization. Stephanie is currently the media contact for the National AdHoc Coalition of Bi and Transgender Activists. Its Statement of Inclusion has generated press, support and outreach opportunities across the country. She is also the BiNet USA representative on the GenderPAC Board and is also responsible for inquiries on the BiNet USA e-mail account.

Stephanie's focus is on increasing membership and empowering Regional Organizers and creating more leaders in the Bi movement. She feels our continued political strength depends on nurturing and growing leadership and including Bi people from all communities, especially those not often heard.

— Marcella Bucknam

Marcella is an openly bisexual woman currently living and organizing in Omaha, NE. Marcella has been involved in queer organizing for about six years and has been actively involved in bisexual activism for about four. Her organizing experience includes local efforts with the BiNetwork DC as a member of the steering committee, editor of the newsletter Side Bi Side, and organizer of the Women's Group. She has most recently worked on the founding of BiNet Omaha; and in queer organizing in Montgomery County, MD. She is a former Regional Organizer for BiNet USA's Mid-Atlantic Region and is currently working nationally to provide resource packets to rural bisexuals and is involved in GLAAD's Bi Visibility Team.

Marcella's primary organizing interests lie in rural outreach, bisexual leadership development, networking with other queer organizations, and organizing through technology and the Internet. She is also especially interested in finding effective ways to support local and regional organizing efforts nationally.

Thank you to our candidates for your willingness to serve BiNet USA
Thank you to our members for returning your ballots by May 1st.

If you have additional questions, you can contact your regional organizer or any of the National Coordinators.
Their information can be found in BiNet News.

BiNet USA 1997 **Official Ballot**

Below is a listing of individuals who have been nominated for the position of National Coordinator for BiNet USA. There are three (3) open slots. BiNet members have through the years attempted to maintain diversity in its leadership (i.e. gender parity-there are currently two men and one woman in the slots being opened)

All individuals have agreed to be on the ballot, and if elected to serve the two (2) year term. Please select up to three (3) individuals for the open positions by either checking next to or circling the nominee. If you select more than three (3) individuals you will invalidate your ballot.

After selecting up to three (3) individuals, please use the enclosed pre-addressed, stamped envelope to mail in your ballot. Envelope must be postmarked **by or before April 30th** to be valid for this election. Any ballots postmarked after April 30th will be destroyed. Results of this election will be published in the subsequent edition of *BiNet News*.

Nominee's:

— Alexei Guren

He is the Editor of the BiNet News, and was one of the Bi and Transgender representatives at the historic meeting with the White House liason to Gay and Lesbian affairs. He is also the Technologies Resource Initiative Liaison and has already raised over \$4,000 in 1997 to help Bi and Transgender activists around the country. In addition he is co-creator of the "Bi Demand" section on "Planet Out" and the BiNet USA Website.

As a Latino he would like to see an increase in membership of people of color and increase their voice in BiNet USA. As a man, he strives in the Pro-Feminist Bisexual Movement to act as mentor and role model for other men, helping to increase their visibility in and around their work with women.

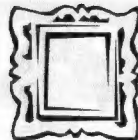
He would like to spend time working to improve BiNet USA around these issues and create a vision that will carry us into the next millennium.

— Ron Owen

Currently the Southwest Regional Organizer, and Membership Coordinator for BiNet USA and founder/Co-Chair of BiNet Arizona. He started working in Bi activism in Los Angeles in 1978. In 1980 he joined ARETE, a Los Angeles Bi group and helped to organize its social and support groups. In 1984 he took on more leadership roles during the AIDS crisis. Ron ran two support groups out of his house for 3 years and continued the publication of the newsletter and organizing gatherings with the help of other local activists.

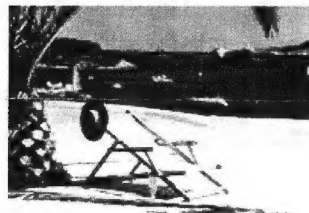
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Face it - it's snowing, raining, and generally miserable where you live...isn't it?



Bring Kids! Maybe not these - how about your own?



Everybody will be danican' in the streets - Main street USA. that is.



**Come
Join Us!**

at the



1st Annual BiTrans Day at Disney

**June 7, 1997
Walt Disney World
Orlando, Florida**

- > help recognize Bi and Trans participants in gay & lesbian events <
- > have fun with other Bi and Trans in the Magic Kingdom <

BiNet Annual Business Meeting

**June 5-8, 1997
Downtown Orlando, Florida**
> basic business and annual visioning for BiNet USA <
> leadership training for community activists <
> networking and community building <

Advance Registration

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____ Age _____

E-Mail Address _____

Would you like to volunteer? ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have a preference how? _____

Do you need transportation? ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you need special assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No How? _____

Will you need Home Hospitality? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please indicate your preferences: _____

Pet Tolerance? ☐ Accept ☐ Tolerate ☐ Impossible Smoking? ☐ Accept ☐ Tolerate ☐ Impossible

Is a couch ok? ☐ Yes ☐ No A Youth Hostel? ☐ Yes ☐ No A roommate? ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Either ☐ Unacceptable

Suggested donation is \$35, all donations are appreciated. ☐ \$35 ☐ Other _____

Would you like to help sponsor a delegate? ☐ \$100 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other _____

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Check Number _____ Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Please mail to: *ByeMark, Attention BiNet Meeting*, 7714 Trent Street, Orlando, Florida 32807.

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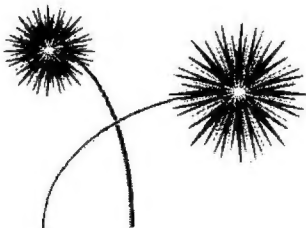
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What to expect

- *Lots of LesBiGayTr t-shirts*
- *Sun & heat.*
- *Hoppin' night clubs*
- *GLBT folks taking over Downtown and International Drive for one whole week-end.*
- *Southern hospitality*
- *Not-so-great public transportation*
- *A room for you at the Harley Hotel*



BiTrans Day at Walt Disney World - Magic Kingdom

Pack your shorts! Bring your sunglasses and your sunscreen! don't forget your bathing suit! BiNet USA is conducting their annual meeting in the land of sunshine!

Take your vacation in the City Beautiful and come on down to Orlando during the first weekend in June! Springtime is funtime in Central Florida. In addition to Mickey, there are a plethora of theme parks, attractions and clubs. If that wasn't enough, the beaches are only an hour away. Now how much would you pay? Wait, there's more.

High-profile queer activity may be ho hum for those of you in larger queer frinedly cities, but having the opportunity to be out and proud in the Florida sunshine is quite a treat!

BiTrans Day is about the freedom of not having to hide yourself. This weekend isn't about speeches or rally's. It is about being

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able to have a family vacation that reflects your family. For at least a short time, Bi and Trans people can be themselves in a supporting community — whether the Christian Coalition likes it or not.

However, there are things every Bi/Trans Day attendee should know. Take notes, there will be a test.

- This is a visibility project for Bi and Trans people. The only official thing about this event is that we're all showing up Disney at the same time.

- Look for Bi/Trans spots. There will be meeting spaces for people who want to ride the rides with other Bi/Trans.
- Stickers! Ask around for your own personal Bi/Trans visibility sticker. Get 'em while they last.

GLCS Gay Days *It's not just at Disney anymore..*

Move over Mickey, there's a new park in town. For the last six years Gay and Lesbian Day has been held at Walt Disney World. This year Universal Studios is also opening itself up to the GLBT community. What's more, when you take advantage of the vacation packages you also help a local LesBiGayTr center.

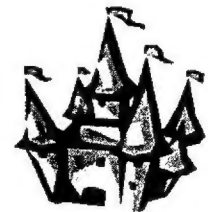
Gay and Lesbian Community Services will receive a portion of all proceeds from two different travel packages. If you're planning on staying the week in the Central Florida area, then give a call to Universal City Travel at (888) 322-2121, press three and ask for the Gay Days Package. The packages available are:

\$189 Travel Package

- Three (3) nights at the Econolodge
- Two (2) days at Universal Studios
- One (1) day at Seaworld
- One (1) admission to Church Street Station (a downtown

tourist spot)

- Transportation to and from teh parks
- One (1) value book
- One (1) year Rainbow Membership at GLCS
- A Gay Days '97 button (for discounts at local establishments)



\$89 Local Package

- One (1) day at Universal Studios
- One (1) day at Seaworld
- One (1) value book
- One year membership in the GLCS Rainbow Club
- A Gay Days '97 button

For more information, call (800) GAY-DAYS or visit the Gay Days web site at www.GAYDAYS.com. To reserve your package call 1-888-322-2121.

See you in Orlando!

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